

**Eastern WV Community & Technical College
Master Course Record**

Course Prefix and Number: SSC 147
Course Title: Understanding Human Diversity
Recommended Transcript Title: Understanding Human Diversity
Date Approved/Revised: 10/11/05; 10/16/13; 1/28/15; 10/5/17
Credit Hours: 3 Contact hours per week (Based on 15 week term): Lecture: 3 Lab:
Prerequisite: ENL 100 OR minimum acceptable test scores for placement in college-level English. Corequisite: Pre/Corequisite:
Grading Mode: Letter
Catalog Description: This course examines issues surrounding human diversity, understanding and appreciating differences, and exploring the impact that students' values and attitudes have on their interactions with individuals from various groups as distinguished by race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, social classes, religion, and subculture. The course helps students develop and appreciation and awareness of human diversity and encourages students to examine their own values, beliefs, cultures, and biases. The concept of cultural competence is introduced.
Course Outcomes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Define diversity and its historical context 2. Explain what is meant by our "changing cultural landscape" 3. List and explain three dimensions of diversity 4. List and explain five diversity myths 5. Explain the importance of diversity consciousness 6. Discuss at least three strategies for developing diversity consciousness 7. Explain why diversity consciousness is a continuing process 8. Differentiate between personal and social barriers 9. List, explain, and provide examples of the six barriers to success 10. Explain four combinations of prejudice and discrimination 11. Define cultural encapsulation and discuss its impact 12. Demonstrate application and impact of "hot button topics" in communication 13. List the ground rules for difficult dialogues 14. Define conflict and conflict management 15. Explain the value of diversity education
Implementation Cycle: Fall/Spring
Role in College Curriculum: (Check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Education Core: Social Science <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Core (Specify Program) <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted Elective (Specify Program) <input type="checkbox"/> General Elective
Course Fee: None

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Instructor's Qualifications: Master's Degree with 18 credit hours in sociology or related social sciences.

Expanded Course Description

Given text readings, print, and electronic resources students will demonstrate through class discussion the ability to think critically about the ways in which culture, gender, politics, the economy, spiritually, and personal identity influence attitudes about race and ethnicity. Given a series of case studies, the student will demonstrate an understanding of the social, cultural, and ethnic characteristics of "special populations" that contribute to discrimination, prejudice, and oppression.

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